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ENGROSSED SENATE BILL No. 260

DIGEST OF SB 260 (Updated April 6, 2009 2:30 pm - DI 107)

Citations Affected: Noncode.

Synopsis: Commission on childhood poverty. Creates the commission on childhood poverty in Indiana and sets forth duties of the commission.

Effective: Upon passage.

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Taylor, Deig, Randolph, Rogers,
Breux**

(HOUSE SPONSORS — SUMMERS, CROUCH, RIECKEN)

January 7, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Commerce, Public Policy & Interstate Cooperation.

January 26, 2009, reported favorably — Do Pass.

January 29, 2009, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.

January 30, 2009, engrossed.

February 2, 2009, read third time, passed. Yeas 41, nays 7.

HOUSE ACTION

February 25, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Family, Children and Human Affairs.

April 6, 2009, amended, reported — Do Pass.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2008 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning human services.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) As used in this
2 SECTION, "commission" refers to the commission on childhood
3 poverty in Indiana established by subsection (b).

4 (b) The commission on childhood poverty in Indiana is
5 established. The commission shall evaluate the costs and effects of
6 childhood poverty and provide a plan to reduce childhood poverty
7 by fifty percent (50%) in Indiana by the year 2020.

8 (c) The commission consists of the following members:

9 (1) The dean of the Indiana University School of Social Work,
10 or the dean's designee, who shall serve as chairperson of the
11 commission.

12 (2) The state superintendent of public instruction, or the
13 superintendent's designee.

14 (3) The director of the division of family resources, or the
15 director's designee.

16 (4) The director of the Indiana housing and community
17 development authority, or the director's designee.

18 (5) The director of the department of workforce development,

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or the director's designee.

(6) The commissioner of the state department of health, or the commissioner's designee.

(7) The director of the office of faith-based and community initiatives.

(8) One (1) representative from the National Association of Social Workers - Indiana Chapter.

(9) One (1) representative from the Indiana Community Action Association.

(10) One (1) representative from the Children's Coalition of Indiana.

(11) One (1) representative from the Indiana Youth Services Association.

(12) One (1) representative from the Indianapolis Urban League.

(13) One (1) representative from the Coalition for Homelessness, Intervention, and Prevention.

(14) One (1) representative from the Indiana Association of United Ways.

(15) One (1) representative from Indiana Legal Services.

(16) One (1) representative from the Purdue University Department of Early Childhood and Family Development.

(17) One (1) representative from the University of Notre Dame, Institute for Latino Studies.

(18) One (1) representative from an Indiana branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

(19) One (1) representative from the Riley Hospital for Children, Department of Pediatrics.

(20) Two (2) members of the senate appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate. The members appointed under this subdivision may not be members of the same political party.

(21) Two (2) members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives. The members appointed under this subdivision may not be members of the same political party.

The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint the members described in subdivisions (8), (10), (12), (14), (16), (18), and (21). The president pro tempore of the senate shall appoint the members described in subdivisions (9), (11), (13), (15), (17), (19), and (20). Vacancies shall be filled by the appointing authority for the remainder of the unexpired term. The initial appointments

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shall be made not later than August 15, 2009.

(d) Each member appointed under subsection (c) must have knowledge concerning childhood poverty in Indiana.

(e) A majority of the voting members of the commission constitutes a quorum.

(f) The Indiana University School of Social Work shall staff the commission.

(g) The commission shall meet:

(1) at the call of the chairperson; and

(2) as often as necessary to carry out the purposes of this SECTION.

However, the commission shall meet at least quarterly.

(h) The commission has the following responsibilities:

(1) Identifying and analyzing the occurrence and root causes of urban and rural poverty in Indiana.

(2) Analyzing the long term effects of poverty on a child, the child's family, and the child's community.

(3) Analyzing the costs of child poverty to municipalities and Indiana.

(4) Providing information on statewide public and private programs that address the reduction of child poverty.

(5) Examining the percentage of the target population served by programs described in subdivision (4) and the current state funding levels for the programs.

(6) Preparing reports consisting of the commission's findings and recommendations.

(7) Presenting an implementation plan that includes procedures and priorities for implementing strategies and biannual benchmarks to achieve the reduction of childhood poverty by fifty percent (50%) in Indiana by 2020. The plan must include, but is not limited to, provisions for improving the following for parents and children living in poverty:

(A) Workforce training and placement to promote career progression.

(B) Education opportunities, including higher education opportunities and literacy programs.

(C) Affordable housing.

(D) Child care and early education programs.

(E) After school programs and mentoring programs.

(F) Access to affordable health care, including access to mental health services and substance abuse programs.

(G) Streamlining of services through public and private

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1 agencies providing human services to low income children
2 and families.

3 (i) In carrying out its duties, the commission shall consider
4 pertinent studies concerning childhood poverty and take testimony
5 from experts and advocates in the human services field.

6 (j) The affirmative votes of a majority of the commission's
7 members on the commission are required for the commission to
8 take action on any measure, including making recommendations
9 for the reports required by this SECTION.

10 (k) Each member of the commission who is not a member of the
11 general assembly is not entitled to the minimum salary per diem
12 provided by IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). The member is also not entitled to
13 reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under
14 IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection
15 with the member's duties, as provided in the state policies and
16 procedures established by the Indiana department of
17 administration and approved by the budget agency.

18 (l) Each member of the commission who is a member of the
19 general assembly is entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage,
20 and travel allowances paid to legislative members of interim study
21 committees established by the legislative council. Per diem,
22 mileage, and travel allowances paid under this subsection shall be
23 paid from appropriations made to the legislative council or the
24 legislative services agency.

25 (m) The commission shall submit the reports required in
26 subsection (h)(6) and the plan required in subsection (h)(7) to the
27 governor and the legislative council by the following dates:

28 (1) Not later than December 31, 2010, the commission shall
29 submit an interim report that contains interim findings and
30 recommendations by the commission under subsection (h)(6).

31 (2) Not later than December 31, 2011, the commission shall
32 submit the commission's final report that contains:

33 (A) the findings and recommendations of the commission
34 under subsection (h)(6); and

35 (B) the implementation plan under subsection (h)(7).

36 The report to the legislative council must be in an electronic format
37 under IC 5-14-6.

38 (n) The commission shall make the final report available to the
39 public upon request not later than December 31, 2011.

40 (o) This SECTION expires January 1, 2012.

41 SECTION 2. An emergency is declared for this act.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Commerce, Public Policy and Interstate Cooperation, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 260, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is made to Senate Bill 260 as introduced.)

ALTING, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0.

SENATE MOTION

Madam President: I move that Senate Bill 260 be amended to read as follows:

Page 2, between lines 20 and 21, begin a new line block indented and insert:

"(16) One (1) representative from the Purdue University Department of Early Childhood and Family Development.

(17) One (1) representative from the University of Notre Dame, Institute for Latino Studies.

(18) One (1) representative from an Indiana branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

(19) One (1) representative from the Riley Hospital for Children, Department of Pediatrics."

Page 2, line 21, delete "(16)" and insert "(20)".

Page 2, line 25, delete "(17)" and insert "(21)".

Page 2, line 30, delete "and (17)." and insert "(16), (18), and (21).".

Page 2, line 32, delete "and (16)." and insert "(17), (19), and (20).".

Page 4, between lines 1 and 2, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"(k) Each member of the commission who is not a member of the general assembly is not entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided by IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). The member is also not entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties, as provided in the state policies and procedures established by the Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget agency.

(l) Each member of the commission who is a member of the general assembly is entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage,

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and travel allowances paid to legislative members of interim study committees established by the legislative council. Per diem, mileage, and travel allowances paid under this subsection shall be paid from appropriations made to the legislative council or the legislative services agency."

Page 4, line 2, delete "(k)" and insert "**(m)**".

Page 4, line 5, delete "August 15," and insert "**December 31,**".

Page 4, line 8, delete "August 15," and insert "**December 31,**".

Page 4, line 15, delete "(l)" and insert "**(n)**".

Page 4, delete lines 17 through 27.

Page 4, line 28, delete "(n)" and insert "**(o)**".

Page 4, line 28, delete "December 31, 2011." and insert "**January 1, 2012.**".

(Reference is to SB 260 as printed January 27, 2009.)

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Family, Children and Human Affairs, to which was referred Senate Bill 260, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 2, line 16, delete "Center for Social and" and insert "**Coalition for Homelessness, Intervention, and Prevention.**".

Page 2, delete line 17.

Page 3, line 14, delete "of" and insert "**and root causes of urban and rural**".

Page 3, line 31, delete "include" and insert "**include, but is not limited to,**".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 260 as reprinted January 30, 2009.)

SUMMERS, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 9, nays 1.

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